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Addendum

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 10(a) - Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-fifth session

At the second part of its thirty-eighth session, the Board took note that the maintenance of this item on the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-ninth session was subject to the Joint Advisory Group's twenty-fifth session taking place in 1992, and in time for the Board to consider its report. The session has not yet taken place.

Item 11 - Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies

- Report of the twenty-first session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget

In order that the outcome of the twenty-first session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, can be reported to the Board, it is proposed that an additional sub-item be included under item 11, to read "Report of the twenty-first session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget".

Documentation

TD/B/39(1)/L.1 Report of the twenty-first session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget

Item 12 - Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

Item 12(e) - Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

In addition to the six applications which will be before the Board (see the annotations to this item in TD/B/39(1)/1), the secretariat has prepared a note concerning non-governmental organizations already in status with UNCTAD. With regard to those in the Special Category, it is suggested that they be re-classified to bring their classification into line with the new Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Working Groups.

The Board might wish to decide that the proposed reclassification be put into effect on an interim basis, pending the results of consultations which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will have with the organizations concerned to ascertain their wishes regarding their future association with UNCTAD.

Documentation

TD/B/39(1)/CRP.5	Proposed reclassification of non-governmental organizations having Special Category status with UNCTAD

Item 13 - Board decision 398 (XXXVIII): Establishment of an ad hoc working group to explore the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament

In its decision 398 (XXXVIII) of 7 May 1992 (annex, section D), the Board "decides to consider at the earliest opportunity the establishment of an ad hoc working group to explore questions related to the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament and the implications for economic growth and development of reductions of military expenditures, taking into account the specific and individual situation of countries, in line with paragraphs 24, 98 and 99 of the Cartagena Commitment."

At its first pre-sessional executive session, the Board decided to inscribe this question as an additional item on the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-ninth session. It is proposed that it be placed on the provisional agenda as item 13. Consequently, the present items 13 (Other business) and 14 (Adoption of the report of the Board) will be renumbered 14 and 15, respectively.

The executive session of the Board also mandated the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his informal consultations on this matter.

Item 14 - Other business

- Membership of the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Working Groups

In July 1992, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed communications to States members of UNCTAD, requesting them to make known to him their wishes regarding membership of the four Standing Committees and the five Ad Hoc Working Groups established by the Conference at its eighth session.

Replies received by 15 and 25 September 1992 are reflected in TD/B/39(1)/CRP.4 and Add.1.

The Board will be required to confirm the memberships of the respective bodies as they stand. The membership of those States whose replies might be received after the close of the current Board session will be confirmed by the Board in an executive session. This would leave open to the full membership of UNCTAD the possibility of attending the sessions of the new bodies which are scheduled to be held between the first and second parts of the thirty-ninth session of the Board.

Documentation

TD/B/39(1)/CRP.4 and Add.1	Membership of Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Working Groups

Item 15 - Adoption of the report of the Board

In-session documentation